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In re Patent Application of:

James R. Edgar

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Examiner: Gary Wayne Estremsky

Title: "LATCH APPARATUS AND METHOD"

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REQUEST FOR INITIALED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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Dear Sir:

This Request is in response to the Notice of Allowance issued in the above-referenced patent application on February 20, 2004. To date, two references cited in Information Disclosure Statements timely filed in the present application have not been initialed as reviewed by the Examiner. These references are:

- International Patent Publication Number WO00/20710 cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 2, 2002 in the present application; and
- United States Patent Number 6,082,158 cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 6, 2003 (a copy of which was returned with the Notice of Allowance, but was not initialed by the Examiner).

Copies of the Information Disclosure Statements in which these references were cited accompany this Request, along with copies of a return receipt postcard and an acknowledgement receipt showing that the complete Information Disclosure Statements (with non-U.S. references) were received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of both references described above also accompanies this Request.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the relevant pages from the two Information Disclosure Statements described above be faxed to the undersigned Applicant's Representative as soon as possible at (414) 277-0656.

Respectfully submitted,

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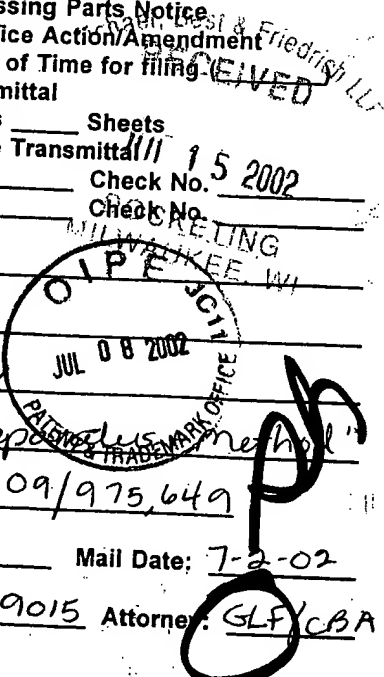
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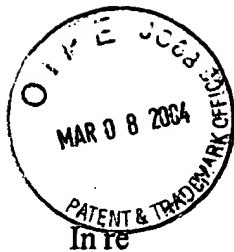
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“LATCH APPARATUS AND METHOD”

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449. A copy of each reference listed is attached.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

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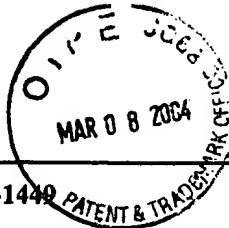
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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